

1. (Amended) A mixing apparatus comprising a plurality of vertically-arranged levels of mixing compartments, each level of mixing compartments comprising M^N compartments where $M \geq 2$ and $N \geq 2$, each compartment having an openable bottom, each level of compartments being rotationally displaceable relative to the adjacent level or levels, and there being at least $N+1$ levels of mixing compartments.
2. (Amended) A mixing apparatus according to claim 1, the compartments being angularly spaced, each compartment being disposed outwardly from a common origin, the centre of each compartment being equiangularly displaced from the centre of each adjacent compartment.
- A¹ 3. (Amended) A mixing apparatus according to claim 1, the first and subsequent alternate levels being in a fixed position and the second and subsequent alternate levels being moveable.
4. (Amended) A mixing apparatus according to claim 1, the first and subsequent alternate levels being moveable and the second and subsequent alternate levels being in a fixed position.
5. (Amended) A mixing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein $M=2$ and $N=3$.

- A² 8. (Amended) A method of mixing matter according to claim 6, additionally comprising the step of releasing the mixed matter for collection.

Please add ~~the~~ following new claims.

- A³ --9. (New) A mixing apparatus according to claim 2, the first and subsequent alternate levels being in a fixed position and the second and subsequent alternate levels being moveable.--

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- 10. (New) A mixing apparatus according to claim 2, the first and subsequent alternate levels being moveable and the second and subsequent alternate levels being in a fixed position.--
- 11. (New) A mixing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein M=2 and N=3.--
- A³ --12. (New) A mixing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein M=2 and N=3.--
- 13. (New) A mixing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein M=2 and N=3.--
- 14. (New) A mixing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein M=2 and N=3.--

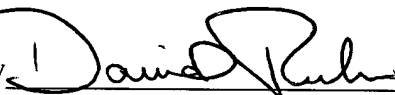
REMARKS

An early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

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